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SUBJECT: MGGZ01 - ISRAELI GAZA INCURSION - JERUSALEM JULY
16 SITREP

Classified By: Consul General Jake Walles. Reasons: 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) The majority of IDF activities appear oriented to the Israel/Lebanon border area.

12. (SBU) In Gaza military developments, there was an IDF strike near Beit Hanoun on July 16 ; apparently an Israeli UAV opened fire on a group of Hamas gunmen firing at Israeli tanks across the fence line. Reports are 3 gunmen killed, 7 wounded. There were also reports of brief IDF ground incursions in northern Gaza. 4 Qassams were fired against Sderot; there were some reported injuries, but no damage.

13. (SBU) In the West Bank, IDF arrest operations continue; raids in Nablus and Jenin resulted in 7 arrests. The al-Aqsa Martyrs, Brigades claimed to have fired across the West Bank fence line north of Jenin and wounded an Israeli, but there has been no confirmation.

14. (C) In political developments, President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) remains in Ramallah but is making plans to return to Gaza - probably on July 17.

15. (SBU) The Karni crossing is reported closed as of 12:00 pm local time; the Nahal Oz fuel transfer point is open. 8 of 10 electricity feeder lines are reported operational, but Rafah is reported as not having electricity on July 16.

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